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# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF MAILCODE:

**WU-16J** 

Mr. Roger Atkins Elmer's Crane & Dozer Inc. 3600 Rennie School Rd. Traverse City, MI 49685

Re: Closure of a Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal Well; United States Environmental Protection Agency UIC Identification # MI-055-5X28-0047

Dear Mr. Atkins:

Thank you for working with our inspector and providing the disposal well closure verification information. We have reviewed the information and have determined that the disposal well was effectively closed. We have also determined that the closure is sufficient to prevent the movement of harmful contaminants into any underground sources of drinking water.

You may continue to use the shop sink at your facility for hand washing. The shop sink in your facility can not be used for any parts cleaning or for the disposal of any motor vehicle service related fluids. You will need to train all employees and continue to post a "hand washing sign" near the sink as a reminder to prevent the misuse of the sink.

This does not relieve the owner of any liability should an endangerment to the ground water occur due to past waste water disposal activities or due to some defect in quantities, methods, or quality of materials used during the closure. We reserve the right to visit this facility and/or require sampling to ensure that the underground source of drinking water below the facility is not being contaminated. The facility owner/operator may still be held liable for such endangerment under provisions in the Safe Drinking Water Act.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cheong-Yip Ron Yuen at (312) 353-4687.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca L. Harvey, Chief Underground Injection Control Branch

Cc: Carrie Monosmith, MDEQ (via email)

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| <b>INSPECTION</b> I | DATE 8/07/12 | VISIT:     | OTHER:     |
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| RE-INSPECTION       | ON DATE:     |            |            |
| UIC I.D             |              |            |            |
| <b>COUNTY:</b>      | Grand        | INDIAN: NO | Well Type: |
| Traverse            |              |            |            |

|                | FAC           | CILITY INFOI   | RMATI | ON       | OWNER INFORMATION |
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| NAME           | Elmer's Cra   | ne & Dozer Inc | e     |          |                   |
| CONTACT NAME   | Roger         | Atkins         | Sh    | op Supv. |                   |
| ADDRESS        | 3600 Rennie   | School Rd      |       |          | SAME              |
| CITY/STATE/ZIP | Traverse Cig  | ty             | MI    | 49685    |                   |
| PHONE NUMBER   | (231) 943-344 | 43             |       |          |                   |

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| ACTIVITY:               | YES | NO | #  |                                     |
| ENTER WORK AREA:        | X   |    |    |                                     |
| FLOOR DRAINS GO TO:     |     | X  |    | UIUDRANUT                           |
| SHOP SINKS GO TO:       | X   |    |    | Septic EPA, REGION 5                |
| MOTOR VEHICLES SERVICED | X   |    |    |                                     |
| WASTE FLUID GENERATED?  | X   |    |    |                                     |
| WASTE FLUID DISPOSITION |     |    |    | PU by Vesco, S. Kleen, and Stoddard |
| NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES     |     |    | 20 | Estimated                           |
| SEPTIC TANK:            | X   |    |    |                                     |
| CESSPOOL                |     | X  |    |                                     |
| HOLDING TANK            |     | X  |    |                                     |
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| # | <b>DESCRIPTION</b>    | <b>LATITUDE</b> | <b>LONGITUDE</b>  | <b>METHOD</b> |
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This company has numerous local sites through Michigan and includes the Upper Michigan City of Marquette. This site is the main yard and headquarters. Entry was made to the maintenance building where supervisor Roger (Red) Atkins was contacted. An identification and reason for the visit was given. Mr. Atkins advised there were no drains in the shop but there was one sink. When asked where it went he advised he did not know and made numerous phone calls - all of which ended with a, "Will check and advise." The large shop was then entered and a sink was observed. Mr. Atkins advised he was sure it went to a septic, there were no holding tanks, and the company was not on a WWTP. He was offered a BMP sign which was immediately posted. He was asked about drainage in the other numerous buildings

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and was to have an informal sketch or graphic made that showed the various buildings and drains for review.

Numerous other supervisors and staff then arrived and an introduction and reason for the visit was again made (and made again). All had numerous questions and these were answered to what they said was their satisfaction. Three blue books, contact information for this writer and Region, and an extra BMP sign were also provided.

Many of the questions pertained to "overlapping and duplication of effort." After some conversation it was found the Michigan MDEQ was working with the company to obtain an N.P.D.E.S. permit and they (company personnel) were confused about who was needing / doing what. Since the permit application and permit would cover the same information as this writer requested, Mr. Atkins was requested to forward the completed application and permit to this writer for review. This writer advised that if further was needed for the UIC program he would get back with the company.

Company staff were then advised about problems found at their Leelanau and Big Rapids sites. They expressed some surprise and said they would "look into them".

The meeting was very friendly, cordial, informative, and longer than anticipated.

The site was cleared after thanking company staff for their time and cooperation.

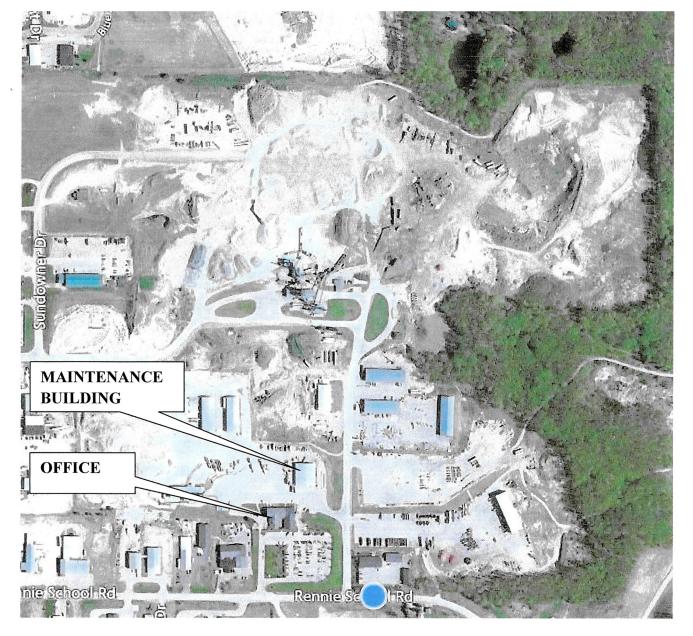


BMP SIGN OVER SHOP SINK

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**Approximate site photo of Elmer's (BING PHOTO)** 



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# **COMPANY OWNERSHIP AS GIVEN IN FROM GOOGLE**

# -"Family-owned for more than 50 years!

In 1956, Elmer Schaub—the Elmer part of Team Elmer's—and his wife, Edna, opened "Conservation Ponds," digging conservation ponds with a dragline crane. Soon after Elmer dug his first pond, he noticed that he needed to level off the "spoil" created by the pond digging, so he purchased a D-4 Cat bulldozer. His wife named the company "ELMER'S CRANE AND DOZER," a name that still holds true today. Elmer Schaub ran the business until 1977 when he decided to retire and offered Russell "Butch" Broad the chance to buy the business.

Having started to work for Peninsula Asphalt on the same day Butch graduated from Traverse City Senior High, he had gained plenty of prior construction experience, gradually advancing through the grade department until he was a grade foreman. Eventually, Butch ended up as the foreman on a project in the eastbound lanes of South Airport next to Logan's Landing in Traverse City.

Elmer Schaub drove by the project, skidded to a stop and came over to where Butch was sitting waiting for traffic to clear before he could leave to go home. Elmer said, "Why don't you buy my excavation company?" Thinking that he was joking, Butch said, "Get in. We'll go by Pacesetter Bank." Elmer convinced Butch to look at the business, which then included seven employees, four tandems, ne loader, three dozers, two crane, one lowboy and an annual earnings of \$275,000. Butch went home and told his family, "I think we should look at this."

That was in 1977, and since then, the company has continued to expand across northern Michigan while maintaining its dedication to a high-quality product and customer satisfaction. Some of our highlights include:

- 1980 Added hydro seeder and hired our first engineer, Gary Holcombe, who later became a part owner in the business
- 1982 Bought first excavator and began doing underground construction for water and sewer
- 1983 Purchased first crusher and started the aggregate division
- 1987 Purchased asphalt plant and set it up at our new Cass Street location
- 1988 Expanded our engineering department and purchased an excavation company from Ambrose Schaub, Elmer's brother
- 1990 Bought a concrete plant and added our ready-mix concrete division
- 1994 Purchased Traverse Asphalt and moved to the Rennie School Road location in Traverse City
- 1998 Acquired Manistee location
- 2000 Acquired Big Rapids location
- 2001 Ludington and White Cloud plants come on board
- 2002 Cadillac plant built
- 2004 Houghton Lake, Beaverton, Omer, West Branch, East Tawas, and Oscoda plants joined the team
- 2005 Added Kalkaska crane operation and heavy haul trucking
- 2006 Built concrete plants in Kalkaska and the Tri-Cities/Midland area
- 2009 Troy Broad, Todd Broad, and Tonya Wildfong, Butch's three adult children, purchase the company
- 2010 Acquired Drenth Brothers pit properties in Elsworth, MI
- 2010 Acquired Concrete Designs, Inc, a concrete cutting and piling company that services the entire state of Michigan
- 2011 Built Gaylord facilities to serve the northern Michigan market
- 2011 Purchased Mohawk Transport
- 2012 Purchased Cordes Excavating

Today, the name Team Elmer's encompasses Elmer's Crane & Dozer, Inc., Elmer's Esphalt, and Elmer's Concrete, among others. With all of our improvements, we have only begun to scratch the surface of what is to come with the future of Elmer's. We can only reach that future by continuing our commitment to integrity, quality and service."

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| ne address of the registered office  |  |   | \$65 (Aug 1 - 31)   |
| 3600 RENNIE SCHOOL ROAD<br>TRAVERSE CITY MI 49684  |  |   | \$75 after August 3   |
| To certify there are no changes from your previous registered office has changed complete Items 1-   |  |   |   |
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